

Potomac Valley Radio Club Newsletter

September 1984

MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Monday, September 10, 1984, 7:30 PM

WHERE: Northwood High School, Room 102A

DIRECTIONS: From the Capitol Beltway, exit north onto University Blvd. Proceed north on University to the high school at the intersection of University and Arcola.

PROGRAM: Frank Donovan, W3LPL, will give a presentation on "Contest Station Design". This presentation was met with great enthusiasm at Dayton this year, so now is your chance to catch it if you missed Dayton.

SILENT KEY: It is with deep sadness that we record the passing of John O'Connell, W3DAL, a charter member of the PYRC, on 10 August 1984.

CHALLENGE FROM NCCC IN SS de Wayne Hillenbrand, N2FB, Pres, PYRC

I hope everyone has had a good summer and is ready for a new contest season. Conditions won't be like 1980, but PYRC seems to do quite well when the going gets tough.

Speaking of getting tough, we must defend our Sweepstakes title this year. Here is a letter to PYRC found in the National Contest Journal. Let's discuss this matter at the September meeting.

OPEN LETTER TO: Members of PYRC, YCCC, Murphy's, TDXS, NTCC, Mad River Radio Club, and any other contest club.

FROM: N6TY, Vice President/Contest Chairman, NCCC

Dear Friends:

Last year, for the second year in a row, PYRC won the "Unlimited Club" competition in the ARRL SS. Fine job. Each year they were the only entrant.

The Northern California Contest Club, after achieving great success in the past three CQ World-Wide Contests, has decided to return some dignity to the Unlimited Club competition in the 1984 Sweepstakes.

The Northern California Contest club hereby announces that it will ship one case of fine California champagne to any club which wins the Unlimited Club competition in the 1984 SS, provided that club also offers, in an open letter, to ship a native food or drink of similar value to the NCCC if we win. The open letter should be published prior to September 30th, 1984, and the offer must be formally accepted by the NCCC.

We will accept any offer provided: (1) the food or drink is deemed of equal value, and (2) the challenging club agrees to ship the prize within thirty days of publication of the results in QST. Accepted offers will be published in the October 1984 issue of the CONTEST JUG.

The food or drink should be appropriate for consumption at a club party, so that all members of the club can share in the spoils of victory.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.

73, Robert A. Wilson, N6TY, VP/CC, NCCC

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COWW de your editor, Walt McGugan, W3FG

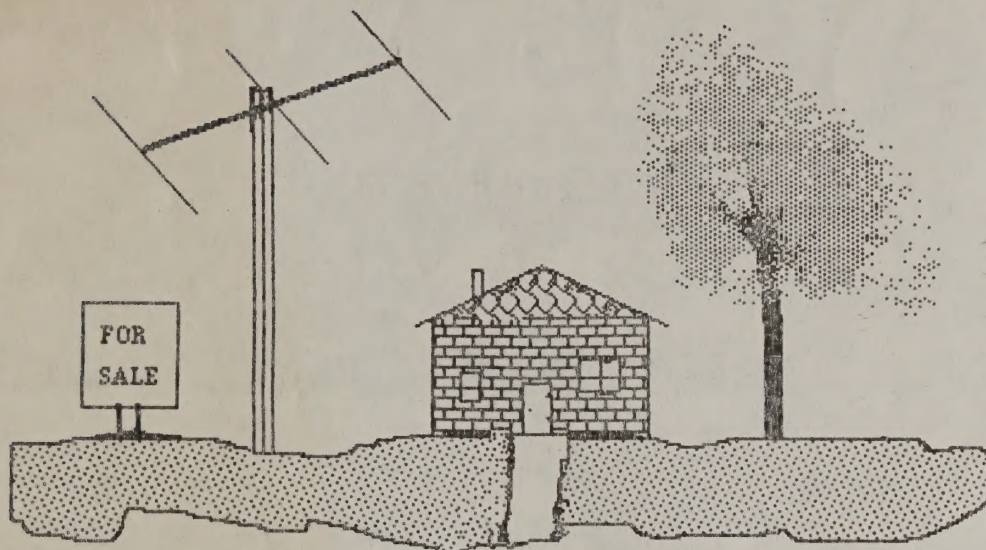
'Twas the last day of Worldwide, and all through the shack
Things weren't really hoppin', they were actually quite slack.
The ten meter op was still on page two,
With conditions so bad, wasn't much he could do.
Some Europeans were worked bearing one twenty-two.
Zone 15 had moved! (or the path was quite skew).
15 meters was open part of the day,
With Europe and Africa, but not a JA.
"Cinco nueve - cinco" was sent the day through -
More PY's would've been worked if we knew Portugese, too.
20 meters was busy, with much QRM.
The stations were stacked from band end to end.
The rate was quite good, but not without a fight.
But even this op got some sleep at night.
40 was so-so, which is usual in this test.
Europe worked Europe, mostly ignoring the rest.
The "big beam" was needed just to work a "G",
but the dipole sufficed for "CQ VE".
80 meters, as always, was crowded again -
even with 3750 the new band end.
160 set records! (it does every year),
at least for our op and his good ear.
Poor conditions had one good point, though -
QRM was way down on cable HBO.
And as we were leaving, the station owner stated
"My friends, for your help with this test I'm elated.
And as you go, to you I must say,
The next sunspot peak's only six years away!"

(The above was written 2 months before the SSB weekend - let's hope it doesn't come true).

ELECTIONS: Nominations for officers for 1985 will be accepted at the September PVRC meeting. Be there to defend yourself.

REMINDER: Effective 0001 UTC, September 1, 1984, the 80 and 15 meter phone bands will be expanded as follows:

3750-3775	Extra.....	21200-21225
3775-3850	Extra + Advanced.....	21225-21300
3850-4000	Extra + Advanced + General.....	21300-21450



MEMBER ADS

FOR SALE: TS-830S, deluxe tuning knob, N/B mod., new front panel, \$635. VFO-230, deluxe tuning knob, 3-speed tuning, \$230. (7 mo. old). Let's negotiate. Can demo & bring to meeting. Have boxes and service manual. Also HAMTEXT for VIC-20, \$50. Mark, KD4NI (703) 841-8188 (days), (703) 670 7647 (evenings).

WANTED: Your articles and ads for **your** newsletter. Bring them to any PVRC meeting or send to Walt McGugan, W3FG, 1336 Burlington Dr, Odenton, MD 21113.

ANTENNA WORK - Safe, reasonable, and reliable. Call Wayne Hillenbrand, N2FB, (301) 987-9840 (home).

SAVE THIS NEWSLETTER! - It was created on a borrowed Apple Macintosh computer, which I will have returned by the time you read this. Thus, this issue is bound to become a collector's item.

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